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And so this has been a compromise because there's people who thought we should have a yearly refund on the end of it. So that's why we did have that amendment, to be able to get the refund in a month. And also it has the E clause in there, which we think is necessary so the department could start working on the rules and regs, and also take out that part where they could increase the checkoff. That was a concern, too, that they maybe wouldn't have any input on increasing the checkoff. We took it out so it would have to come back as legislation again. So, with that, I ask your support to adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. You've heard the closing on Agriculture Committee amendments to LB 150. The question before the body is, shall those amendments be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments offered by the Agriculture Committee, AM0218. Have you all voted on the question who wish to, the Agriculture Committee amendments? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendments have been adopted. Mr. Clerk, further amendments to the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Discussion of the advancement of LB 150? Open for discussion. Seeing there are no lights on, Senator Kremer, you're recognized to close on advancement of LB 150.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. Thank you for discussion today. I'd just like to reemphasize it's a voluntary checkoff that's only producer money. The board, it's governed by producers. It really benefits the whole state of Nebraska when we have an industry that has the impact of our beef industry as much as the whole nation, and really the world; that we need money to promote our product in Japan and get that market opened up. We need money